

(Senate Bill 585)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Roads and Bridges

FOR the purpose of clarifying language concerning the powers of the County Commissioners of Charles County; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 348A
Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1969 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended
by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 1975)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 348A of the Public Local Laws of Charles County being Article 9 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1969 Edition and 1975 Supplement, as amended by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 1975) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 9

348A.

The County Commissioners [of Charles County are hereby authorized to] MAY construct and improve roads and drainage incident to construction or improvement on or along private roads after the approval of a petition of the majority of the property owners whose property abuts on the road to be constructed or improved requesting that the roads be taken into the County Road System. In the exercise of the powers granted by this Section, the County Commissioners may [be] BY proper ordinance, passed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of [of] Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland [(1957 Edition, as amended)], adopt all necessary rules and conditions for the acceptance, construction and maintenance of roads [and/]or other authorized improvements by the County. The ordinance shall also provide for the method of determination of the annual benefit assessments to be levied against the abutting properties for the purpose of reimbursing the County for the cost of the improvements and the time and manner of payment, but not to exceed ten years. Annual benefit assessments shall be a first lien upon the property against which they are assessed, until paid, subject only to prior State and County taxes, and if any property be sold for State and County taxes, and there remains a surplus, then the County Commissioners may upon petition to the Circuit Court be allowed the payment of their